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2. THE WORKING GROUP AT PRESENT IS TO BE COMPOSED OF 18 MEMBERS AS ORIGINALLY DECIDED OF WHICH ONLY 12 HAVE BEEN SELECTED. THESE ARE AS FOLLOWS: AFRICA (ALLOCATED 5 SEATS) - ALGERIA, NIGERIA, UGANDA, ZAIRE AND SIERRA LEONE; ASIA (4 SEATS) - IRAN, PAKISTAN AND JAPAN; LATIN AMERICA (3 SEATS) - VENEZUELA, MEXICO AND COLOMBIA; EAST EUROPE (2 SEATS) - NONE; AND WEOS (4 SEATS) - UNITED STATES. THE UNFILLED SEATS BELONG TO ASIA (1); EAST EUROPE (2), WHICH THE EE'S HAVE DECIDED TO RESERVE BUT TO LEAVE UNFILLED FOR THE PRESENT; AND WEO'S (3).

THE WEO PROBLEM ARISES FROM THE FACT THAT THERE ARE EIGHT WEO CANDIDATES (OTHER THAN THE US) AND THAT THE WEO GROUP WAS UNABLE TO PERSUADE THE G-77 TO AGREE TO INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP TO 27 SO AS TO ACCOMMODATE ALL THESE CANDIDATES. THE OTHER EIGHT WEO CANDIDATES ARE: BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, U.K., FRANCE, NORWAY, FRG, ITALY AND CANADA. (IT WILL BE NOTED THAT JAPAN CHOSE TO RUN AS AN ASIAN RATHER THAN A WEO.)

3. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT WEO'S (WHO HAVE NINE CANDIDATES) HAVE NOT YET AGREED ON ANY CANDIDATES OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES. SUCH AGREEMENT MAY BE POSTPONED WHILE AN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO HAVE THE WEO ALLOCATION INCREASED TO 6, PROBABLY BY EXPANDING THE WORKING GROUP TO 20 MEMBERS. IT IS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE U.S. INITIATIVE FOR AN ILLICIT PAYMENTS TREATY THAT THE WEO COUNTRIES WHICH ARE INTERESTED PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE WORKING GROUP. SINCE THE GROUP WILL NOT BE A VOTING GROUP, THEY CAN DO THIS EITHER AS MEMBERS OR AS ACTIVE OBSERVERS.

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